

of such employee representative as is not in excess of \$300 for any calendar month, paid to him for services performed as an employee representative after June 30, 1939, and before July 1, 1954, and as is not in excess of \$350 paid to him for services rendered as an employee representative in any calendar month after June 30, 1954, and before June 1, 1959, and as is not in excess of \$400 paid to him for services rendered as an employee representative in any calendar month after May 31, 1959."

1966—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-700, §301(i), (ii), substituted "before June 1, 1959" for "before the calendar month next following the month in which this Act was amended in 1959", and "after May 31, 1959" for "after the month in which this Act was so amended".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 89-700, §§204(a), 301(i), (ii), increased contribution rate from 3¼ per centum to 4 per centum, and substituted "before June 1, 1959" for "before the calendar month next following the month in which this Act was amended in 1959", and "after May 31, 1959" for "after the month in which this Act was so amended".

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 89-700, §204(b), substituted "the provisions of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act" for "section 1800 or 2700 of title 26, and the provisions of section 3661 of title 26".

1963—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 88-133, §303(a), increased contribution rate in table from 3¼ to 4 percent when balance to credit of railroad unemployment insurance account as of close of business on Sept. 30 of any year is less than \$300,000,000.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 88-133, §304, increased amount of contributions to be deposited to credit of fund from 0.2 per centum to 0.25 per centum of total compensation on which such contributions are based.

1959—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 86-28, §306, increased earnings base from \$350 to \$400 per month for months after May 1959 for purposes of unemployment insurance contributions, and contribution rates with respect to compensation paid after May 1959 by 1 percent for each of the categories over \$300,000,000, by 1¼ percent when the balance was \$250,000,000 or more but less than \$300,000,000, and by ¾ of 1 percent where the balance was less than \$250,000,000.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 86-28, §307, increased contribution rate from 3 to 3¼ per centum and maximum amount of compensation for which contribution is payable from \$350 to \$400 for services rendered in any calendar month after May 1959.

1958—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 85-927 inserted provision deeming balance to credit of fund a part of balance to credit of account.

1954—Subsecs. (a), (b). Act Aug. 31, 1954, increased earnings base from \$300 to \$350 per month after June 30, 1954 for purposes of unemployment insurance contributions.

1948—Subsec. (a). Act June 23, 1948, §§4, 5(a), substituted for flat 3 percent contribution rate a sliding scale under which tax rate is automatically adjusted in accordance with amount of reserves in unemployment insurance account as of close of business on Sept. 30 of each year.

Subsec. (f). Act June 23, 1948, §6, changed rates of credits to account and fund.

1946—Subsec. (a). Act July 31, 1946, §318(a), changed basis of contributions from compensation payable during a month to compensation paid during the month and inserted provisions relating to proration of contributions where one of the employers is a railway labor organization.

Subsec. (h). Act July 31, 1946, §318(b), substituted references to sections of the Internal Revenue Code for references to the sections of the Internal Revenue Acts of 1926 and 1934 from which they were derived.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Section 8(b) of Pub. L. 101-322 provided that: "The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall be effective as of January 1, 1989."

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Section 7102(e) of Pub. L. 100-647 provided that: "The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect upon the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 10, 1988]."

Section 7103(c) of Pub. L. 100-647 provided that: "The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 360 and 361 of this title] shall apply with respect to compensation paid in months beginning after September 30, 1988."

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-76 applicable to compensation paid for services rendered after Dec. 31, 1983, see section 503(c) of Pub. L. 98-76, set out as a note under section 351 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective Oct. 1, 1981, and applicable only with respect to annuities awarded on or after that date, see section 1129 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 231 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1975 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-92 effective with respect to compensation paid for services rendered after Dec. 31, 1975, see section 2 of Pub. L. 94-92, set out as a note under section 351 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1963 AMENDMENT

Section 303(a) of Pub. L. 88-133 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective with respect to compensation paid after Dec. 31, 1963.

Section 304 of Pub. L. 88-133 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective with respect to contributions collected by the Railroad Retirement Board after Dec. 31, 1961.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1959 AMENDMENT

Amendment by sections 306(4), (5) and 307(1) of Pub. L. 86-28 effective first day of calendar month next following May 1959, and applicable only with respect to compensation paid for services rendered in calendar months after May 1959, see section 309 of Pub. L. 86-28, set out as a note under section 351 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 85-927 effective Sept. 6, 1958, except as otherwise indicated, see section 207(c) of Pub. L. 85-927, set out as a note under section 351 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1954 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act Aug. 31, 1954, effective July 1, 1954, see section 401 of act Aug. 31, 1954, set out as a note under section 351 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1946 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act July 31, 1946, effective Jan. 1, 1947, see section 402 of act July 31, 1946.

#### ADJUSTMENT OR REFUND OF EXCESSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

Section 5(b) of act June 23, 1948, provided that: "Contributions paid under subsection (a) of section 8 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, as amended [subsec. (a) of this section], prior to the enactment of the foregoing amendment thereof [June 23, 1948] which are in excess of those required by said subsection as so amended shall be subject to adjustment or refund in accordance with the provisions of subsections (d) and (e) of said section 8 [subsecs. (d) and (e) of this section]."

### § 359. Penalties

#### (a) Failure to make report or furnish information; false or fraudulent statement or claim

Any officer or agent of an employer, or any employee representative, or any employee act-

ing in his own behalf, or any person whether or not of the character hereinbefore defined, who shall willfully fail or refuse to make any report or furnish any information required by the Board in the administration of this chapter, or who shall knowingly make or aid in making or cause to be made any false or fraudulent statement or report when a statement or report is required to be made for the purposes of this chapter, or who shall knowingly make or aid in making or cause to be made any false or fraudulent statement or claim for the purpose of causing benefits or other payment to be made or not to be made under this chapter, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

**(b) Agreement by employee to bear employer's contribution**

Any agreement by an employee to pay all or any portion of the contribution required of his employer under this chapter shall be void, and it shall be unlawful for any employer, or officer or agent of an employer, to make, require, or permit any employee to bear all or any portion of such contribution. Any employer, or officer or agent of an employer, who violates any provision of this subsection shall be punished for each such violation by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

**(c) Punishments not specifically provided**

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter, the punishment for which is not otherwise provided, shall be punished for each such violation by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

**(d) Payment and disposition of fines or penalties**

All fines and penalties imposed by a court pursuant to this chapter shall be paid to the court and be remitted from time to time by order of the judge to the Treasury of the United States to be credited to the account.

(June 25, 1938, ch. 680, § 9, 52 Stat. 1103.)

**§ 360. Railroad unemployment insurance account**

**(a) Funds constituting account; availability for benefits or refunds**

The Secretary of the Treasury shall maintain in the unemployment trust fund established pursuant to section 1104 of title 42 an account to be known as the railroad unemployment insurance account. This account shall consist of (i) such part of all contributions collected pursuant to section 358 of this title as is in excess of 0.65 per centum of the total compensation on which such contributions are based, together with all interest collected pursuant to section 358(g)<sup>1</sup> of this title; (ii) all amounts transferred or paid into the account pursuant to section 363 or section 364 of this title; (iii) all additional amounts appropriated to the account in accordance with any provision of this chapter or with any provision of law now or hereafter adopted; (iv) a proportionate part of the earnings of the unemployment trust fund, computed in accordance with the provisions of section 1104(e) of title 42; (v) all

amounts realized in recoveries for overpayments or erroneous payments of benefits; (vi) all amounts transferred thereto pursuant to section 361 of this title; (vii) all fines or penalties collected pursuant to the provisions of this chapter; and (viii) all amounts credited thereto pursuant to section 352(f) or section 362(g) of this title. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all moneys credited to the account shall be mingled and undivided, and are permanently appropriated to the Board to be continuously available to the Board without further appropriation, for the payment of benefits and refunds under this chapter, and no part thereof shall lapse at any time, or be carried to the surplus fund or any other fund.

**(b) Payment of benefits or refunds**

All moneys in the account shall be used solely for the payment of the benefits and refunds provided for by this chapter. The Board shall, from time to time, certify to the Secretary of the Treasury the name and address of each person or company entitled to receive benefits or a refund payment under this chapter, the amount of such payment, and the time at which it shall be made. Prior to audit or settlement by the Government Accountability Office, the Secretary of the Treasury, through the Fiscal Service of the Treasury Department, shall make payments from the account directly to such person or company of the amount of benefits or refund so certified by the Board: *Provided, however*, That if the Board shall so request, the Secretary of the Treasury, through the Fiscal Service of the Treasury Department, shall transmit benefits payments to the Board for distribution by it through employment offices or in such other manner as the Board deems proper.

**(c) Annual report to Congress**

The Board shall include in its annual report to Congress a statement with respect to the status and operation of the account.

**(d) Transfer and retransfer of funds; interest**

Whenever the Board finds at any time that the balance in the railroad unemployment insurance account will be insufficient to pay the benefits and refunds which it estimates are due, or will become due, under this chapter, it shall request the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer from the Railroad Retirement Account to the credit of the railroad unemployment insurance account such moneys as the Board estimates would be necessary for the payment of such benefits and refunds, and the Secretary shall make such transfer. Whenever the Board finds that the balance in the railroad unemployment insurance account, without regard to the amounts transferred pursuant to the next preceding sentence, is sufficient to pay such benefits and refunds, it shall request the Secretary of the Treasury to retransfer from the railroad unemployment insurance account to the credit of the Railroad Retirement Account such moneys as in its judgment are not needed for the payment of such benefits and refunds, plus interest at a rate for each fiscal year equal to the average rate of interest borne by all special obligations held by the Railroad Retirement Account on the last day of the preceding fiscal year, rounded to the

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.